

MONROE COUNTY RESTORE ACT LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 12, 2013; 9AM

Marathon Government Center

(Approved June 28, 2013)

Present: Todd German, Bill Kelly, John Halas, William Murchie, Ted Blackburn, Mike Cinque, John DeNeale

Absences: Mark Finigan, David Makepeace, Edwin Swift, Patrick Rice

Staff: Lisa Tennyson, County Attorney Bob Shillinger

Commissioners Present: Mayor George Neugent, Commissioner Sylvia Murphy.

Chair Mike Cinque called the meeting to order at 9AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of committee members.

County Attorney B. Shillinger followed up on some questions related to the Financial Disclosure forms, informing committee that his office was still working thru some options.

Monroe County staff person, L. Tennyson asked Consultant, John Wayne Smith to give an update the Gulf Consortium's activities and status.

L. Tennyson then asked Consultant, Peggy Mathews to give the committee an update overview on the status of the various "pots" of funding, and a brief discussion on the Federal Council draft plan which was released in late May. Additional information on Ms. Mathew's presentation can be found in the meeting background materials.

L. Tennyson gave a quick review of the "Local Pot" of funding, the projected amounts of the local funding pot, the allowable uses of RESTORE Act funding, RESTORE Act funding conditions, and the role and responsibilities of the Local Committee in devising a process for soliciting, reviewing, and ranking projects for consideration of funding from the Local Pot. (Additional information on Ms. Tennyson's presentation can be found in the meeting background materials.)

The committee discussed the application format and staff was asked to develop an application based on the DEP model. (Several sample applications were provided to the Committee.)

The committee also discussed project ranking criteria. The ranking criteria was acceptable to the committee except that the committee requested that no single criteria should “knock an applicant out of contention.” So for example, a match component would not an absolute requirement, but instead will be a weighted criterion. A scale of points will be assigned for each criterion.

The committee desired that the allowable uses for RESTORE Act funds, listed on page 4, be ranked in terms of importance/value by each of the committee members. We will then tally your responses and come up with an overall ranked list of uses, ie priorities. Projects that carry out the uses that are deemed most important/valued will score higher for that criterion than those that carry out uses that are ranked lower.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

(The meeting was video-recorded and is available on the County’s Restore Act webpage.)